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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action dated July 13, 2007 received in the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the accompanying remarks. Included with this Response is a Request for Extension of Time for 2 month(s) and the appropriate fee. This Response therefore is timely filed.

**Applicant respectfully requests an Examiner interview before the issuance of the next Office Action. Applicant's representative Susan Hubl can be reached at (415) 875-2316.**

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2. Remarks begin on page 4.**